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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, Materials Division  
Acting Chief, Industrial Division  
Acting Chief, Economic Services Division  
Acting Chief, Economic Analysis Division

FROM : Acting Chief, Production Staff

SUBJECT : Proposed Functions Statement

The following is a proposed statement of functions for your comment,  
and as a basis for discussion:

"O/RR ECONOMIC DIVISION FUNCTIONS"

Fulfill the authoritative basic research, advisory, and research  
report production responsibilities of O/RR with regard to the economy  
of the Soviet Orbit, and the foreign intelligence research related to  
transportation, telecommunications and strategic commodities on a world-  
wide basis.

Each of the Economic Divisions will:

1. Formulate and recommend its intelligence research program  
to the Assistant Director for Research and Reports.
2. Provide the authoritative basic research and consultant  
services within their specialized functional fields under approved  
Agency programs.
3. Provide these authoritative basic research and consultant  
services to each other, to the other producing components of CIA, and  
to IAC and non-IAC agencies as required, collaborating with all of  
the foregoing in the fulfillment of their prescribed responsibilities.

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4. Recommend measures to coordinate research and reporting activities of governmental and other agencies in economic fields of primary interest.

5. Review as required, intelligence produced by the O/R Economic Divisions, and other CIA and governmental components and make recommendations regarding the adequacy of treatment of those sections which have a bearing on their specialized fields of inquiry.

6. Prepare timely research reports on specific subjects, which in a given functional field are inter-regional or technically specialized in character.

7. Participate in the formulation of the National Intelligence Objectives.

8. Evaluate available intelligence information and intelligence for other CIA and governmental components; assess its adequacy, accuracy, and timeliness, and prepare reports of such assessments for the guidance of collection, source exploitation, and producing agencies to ensure that all significant fields of intelligence bearing on the national security are adequately covered.

9. Formulate and establish necessary requirements for the collection and exploitation of intelligence data in order to ensure an adequate flow of material in fulfillment of research requirements.

10. Perform such other functions related to intelligence research or reporting as may be directed.

Specialized functions of the individual economic divisions, and their branches, are:

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Materials Division:

Provide expert consultant and research services pertaining to raw materials and natural resources, including: exploration, development, processing, consumption, trade, and stockpiling or shortages.

Industrial Division:

Provide expert consultant and research services in the processing, manufacturing, and construction of: ammunition, weapons, ships, aircraft, vehicles and carriers of all types, self-reproducing tools and equipment, capital goods, and electrical and electronics equipment and devices, including qualitative analysis of foreign equipment.

Economic Services Division:

Provide expert consultant and research services in the economics and logistics of traffic and transportation, telecommunications, trade and finance, labor and manpower, construction, electric power, and the study of foreign economic organizations and programs.

Economic Analysis Division:

Provide expert consultant and research services and over-all estimates of foreign economic capabilities and vulnerabilities, economic warfare measures and countermeasures, United States foreign economic programs, and foreign target vulnerability studies.

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